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**To:** Lee, Eugene[Lee.Eugene@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wieder, Jessica  
**Sent:** Fri 9/11/2015 6:25:03 PM  
**Subject:** Re: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Eugene - Below is an approved response to the Todd Hennis allegations. If additional support is needed, please let me know. - Jessica

The agency's Internal Review did not make a finding of what caused the release. That was made clear by Mr. Stanislaus when he appeared before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee on Sept. 9, 2015. As Mr. Stanislaus has said, we are awaiting the results of the independent investigation from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the EPA Inspector General before determining the cause of the release.

Agency staff in our Region 8 office have had several discussions with Mr. Hennis's legal counsel since Aug. 5.

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**From:** Lee, Eugene  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 2:17 PM  
**To:** EOC Public Information  
**Cc:** EOC\_Manager,  
**Subject:** Fw: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

PIOs,

See below and let me know what you think about turning around a draft response/Q&A.

I think we've dealt with responses like this before.

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**From:** Cheatham, Reggie  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 2:06 PM  
**To:** Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Lee, Eugene  
**Subject:** FW: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Can we work this thru HQEOC?

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**From:** Natarajan, Nitin  
**Sent:** 9/11/2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** Cheatham, Reggie  
**Subject:** FW: New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Reggie,

Can we draft a response/Q&A to this?

Thanks in advance.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Levine, Carolyn  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 1:45 PM  
**To:** Natarajan, Nitin  
**Cc:** Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole  
**Subject:** New article: WATER POLLUTION: Mine owner accuses EPA of lying about Colo. spill -- Friday, September 11, 2015

Hi Nitin,

Can you help facilitate a response /Q&A for this?

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/11/stories/1060024577>

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